

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-38. (Canceled).

39. (New) A washing method in a steam injection washing machine having a cabinet, a wash tub located in the cabinet, and a wash drum located in the wash tub, the method comprising:

supplying wash water to the wash tub;

tumbling laundry in the wash drum by rotating the wash drum;

generating steam by a steam generator located in the cabinet; and

injecting steam generated by the steam generator into the wash tub at a top portion of the wash tub while tumbling the laundry.

40. (New) The washing method according to claim 39, wherein supplying wash water includes:

supplying wash water into the wash tub to a first water level;

wetting laundry with the wash water; and

supplying wash water into the wash tub to a second water level;

41. (New) The washing method according to claim 39, wherein generating steam includes:

supplying water into the steam generator provided with a heater; and

heating the water supplied into the steam generator by operating the heater.

42. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein the water supplied into the steam generator is limited to a predetermined water level.

43. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein supplying water into the steam generator is performed while wash water is supplied to the wash tub.

44. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein supplying water into the steam generator includes simultaneously opening a water supply line adapted to guide water into the steam generator and a steam supply line adapted to guide steam from the steam generator.

45. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein supplying water into the steam generator includes resupplying water into the steam generator when a temperature of the steam generator reaches a predetermined temperature.

46. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein the operation of the heater is stopped when a pressure of the steam generator reaches a predetermined pressure.

47. (New) The washing method according to claim 46, wherein injecting the generated steam is performed when the operation of the heater is stopped.

48. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein the heater is operated for a predetermined operating time.

49. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein injecting the generated steam is performed when a temperature of the steam generator reaches a predetermined temperature.

50. (New) The washing method according to claim 41, wherein injecting the generated steam is stopped when a temperature of the wash water in the wash tub reaches a predetermined temperature.

51. (New) A washing method in a steam injection washing machine having a cabinet, a wash tub located in the cabinet, and a wash drum located in the wash tub, the method comprising:

supplying wash water to laundry located in the wash drum;

spraying wash water from a bottom portion of the wash tub into the wash tub;
tumbling laundry located in the wash drum by rotating the wash drum;
supplying water into a steam generator located in the cabinet to generate steam; and
injecting the generated steam into the wash tub at a top portion of the wash tub while
tumbling the laundry.

52. (New) The washing method according to claim 51, wherein supplying wash water
and spraying wash water are repeated at least once.

53. (New) The washing method according to claim 51, wherein the steam generator
includes a heater, and the method includes heating the supplied water by operating the heater.

54. (New) The washing method according to claim 53, wherein the water supplied into
the steam generator is limited to a predetermined water level.

55. (New) The washing method according to claim 53, wherein supplying water into the
steam generator includes resupplying water into the steam generator when a temperature of the
steam generator reaches a predetermined temperature.

56. (New) The washing method according to claim 53, wherein the heater is operated
for a predetermined operating time.

57. (Currently Amended) A washing method in a steam injection washing machine
having a cabinet, a wash tub located in the cabinet, a wash drum located in the wash tub, the
method comprising:

supplying wash water to the wash tub;
tumbling laundry by rotating the wash drum when wash water is in the wash tub;
supplying water into a steam generator located in the cabinet;
generating steam by the steam generator from the supplied water; and

injecting the generated steam into the wash tub to impinge on the laundry while tumbling the laundry.

58. (New) The washing method according to claim 57, wherein supplying wash water includes:

supplying wash water into the wash tub to a first water level;
wetting laundry with the wash water; and
supplying wash water into the wash tub to a second water level;

59. (New) The washing method according to claim 57, wherein generating steam includes heating the water supplied into the steam generator by operating a heater in the steam generator.

60. (New) The washing method according to claim 59, wherein the water supplied into the steam generator is limited to a predetermined water level.

61. (New) The washing method according to claim 59, wherein supplying water into the steam generator includes resupplying water into the steam generator when a temperature of the steam generator reaches a predetermined temperature.

62. (New) The washing method according to claim 59, wherein the heater is operated for a predetermined operating time.

63. (New) A washing method in a steam injection washing machine having a cabinet, a wash tub located in the cabinet, and a wash drum located in the wash tub, the method comprising:

supplying wash water to laundry located in the wash drum;
spraying wash water from a bottom portion of the wash tub into the wash tub;
tumbling laundry located in the wash drum by rotating the wash drum;

supplying water into a steam generator located in the cabinet to generate steam; and
injecting the generated steam into the wash drum at a top portion of the wash drum to
impinge on the clothes while tumbling the laundry.

64. (New) The washing method according to claim 63, wherein supplying wash water
supplying and spraying wash water are repeated at least once.

65. (New) The washing method according to claim 63, wherein the steam generator
includes a heater, and the method includes heating the supplied water by operating the heater.

66. (New) The washing method according to claim 65, wherein the water supplied into
the steam generator is limited to a predetermined water level.

67. (New) The washing method according to claim 65, wherein the water supplying
comprises resupplying water into the steam generator when a temperature of the steam generator
reaches a predetermined temperature.

68. (New) The washing method according to claim 65, wherein the heater is operated
for a predetermined operating time.